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Ms. Carol Graszer Ropski
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (HSE-5J)
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RE: Request for Information
Sauget Area 2, Site Q (formerly known as the Sauget & Company Landfill, Sauget, Illinois)

Dear Ms. Ropski:

Section 1900 of the Illinois Unemployment Insurance Act provides, in part, that information obtained pursuant to this Act is confidential and not open to public disclosure. While specific exceptions are provided in the statute for some Federal agencies, the Environmental Protection Agency is not one of those agencies. However, in *EEOC v. IDES*, 995 F2d 106 (1993), the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals held that, under certain circumstances, the State's claim of privilege under the Unemployment Insurance Act would not apply. Pursuant to this decision, a Federal judge must issue an order to effect a release of our files.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (312) 793-2333.

Sincerely,



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